

HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORY

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Row Houses				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
103-105-107-109-111 Decatur Street				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Cumberland				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Allegany	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Multiple private owners (see inside of form)				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE	
Cumberland			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>Located at 103-111 Decatur Street, the row houses stand on the easterly side of the street in the block formed by Baltimore Avenue and Fulton Street in Cumberland, Allegany County.</p> <p>The row consists of five adjoining mid nineteenth century brick structures with brick cornices, each two bays wide, that set against the sidewalk. Numbers 103, 109, and 111 are two stories with gable roofs. Numbers 105 and 107 are three stories with gable roofs. Number 105 has external double chimneys. The entrances to numbers 103, 107, 109, and 111 have broad surrounds while the doorway at 105 is plain but probably had an enframingent originally. Most of the facade (west side) windows have heavy lintels. All of the houses have non-original entrance porches and stairs.</p>		
No. 4 Owner of Property and No. 5 Title Reference		
103 - Raymond L. Beck 103 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland Book 238, page 174 or Book 468, page 115 25' x 150'	111 - Raymond A. Shaffer 111 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland Book 217, page 484 21' x 150'	
105 - William G. Hill 105 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland Book 461, page 877 16' x 148'		
107 - James C. Bucy 107 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland Book 206, page 521 17' x 148'		
109 - Charles A. Ryan 109 Decatur Street Cumberland, Maryland Book 441, page 139 14' x 148'		

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                      |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |   |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The row houses at 103-111 Decatur Street are representative of mid-later nineteenth century "lower-middle class" housing in Cumberland. These modest dwellings offer a contrast with the "middle-upper class" houses located at the northerly end of Decatur Street near Frederick Street. The buildings should be compared with the turn of the twentieth century "middle class" detached houses that stand to the south along Decatur Street near Baltimore Avenue.

The precise date of construction of this row is not known although the decorative elements of the facade - the entrance surrounds and the lintels above the windows - indicated the mid-late nineteenth century. Although the five buildings are not identical (The inner two are three stories high and the others are two stories high), the structures are contiguous and form an important segment of the residential environment that dominates Decatur Street.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 93' x 150'.

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 12/13/74
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

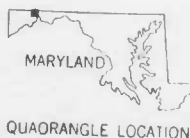
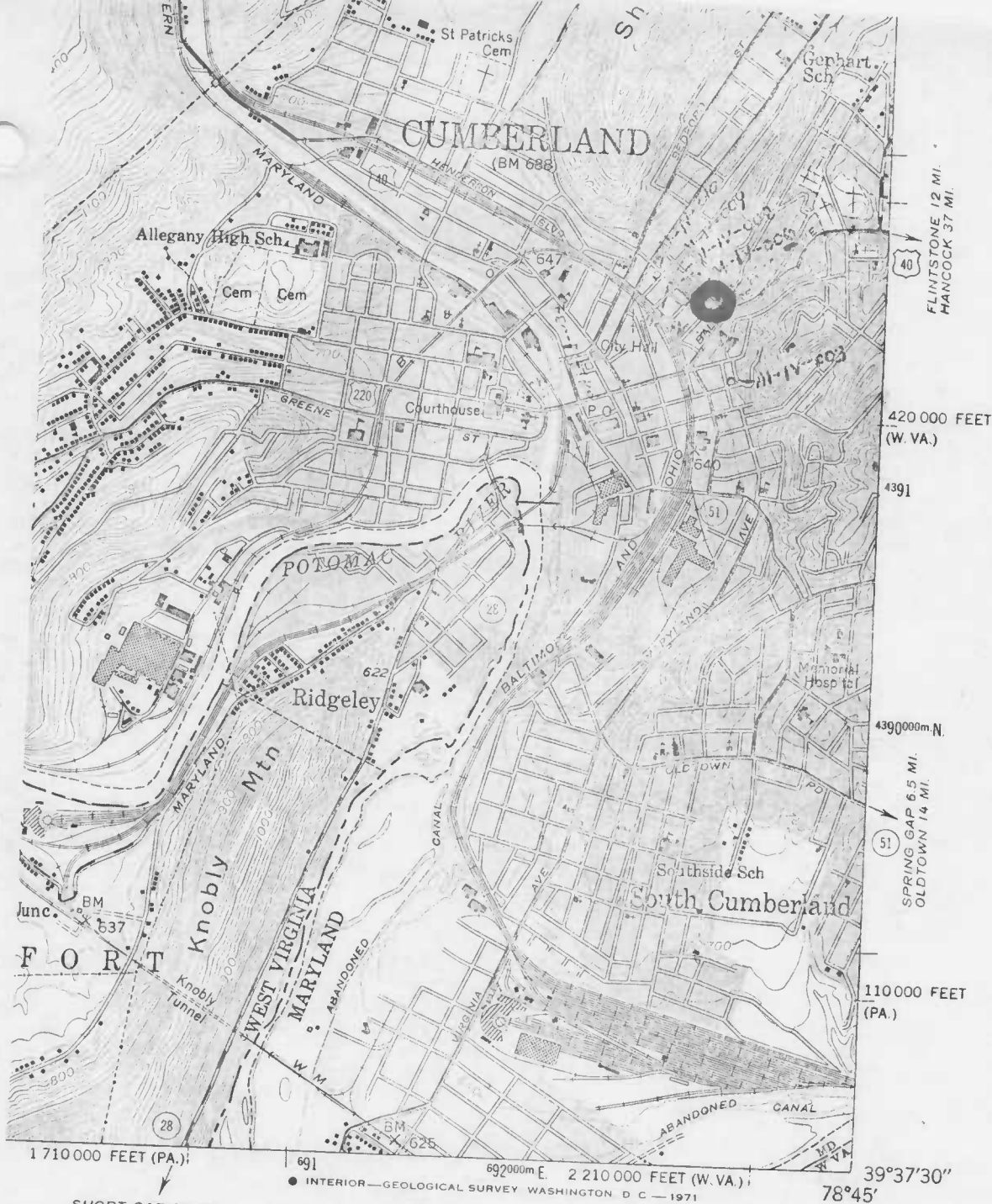
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	-----
U. S. Route	⬡	State Route	◯

### CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.V.A.

NE/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5—W7845/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NE—SERIES V833

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Cumberland, Allegany Co.



Row Houses

103-105-107-109-111 Decatur St

Cumberland

Allegheny Co, Md.

SW view

February, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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